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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, YO, US

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO YUGOSLAV FONMIN

REF: ELGRADE 3438, STATE 98712

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SECRETARY TO BE DELIVERED BY EMBASSY TO YUGOSLAV FEDERAL
SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MILOS MINIC.

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